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Dear Harold,

Thanks very much for the copy of *Selections From Whitewash*. I have been extremely busy at work for the past couple of weeks so just now I have been able to squirrel away the time to look at your January 16th letter. In the third paragraph you mention you wrote the city archive and got an incomprehensible response. I will try to help you out but I need answers to a couple of questions.

I assume by city archive you mean the police assassination archives located at City Hall in Dallas. This is the material released by the Dallas police department on January 27, 1992. Am I correct?

When you were corresponding with the archive did you ever run across the name Cindy Smolovik? The last I heard she was the curator. She left to have a baby but I'm positive she has returned. I developed a good working relationship with her while I was gathering information on Roscoe White and can probably speak with her about your exact needs.

As I understand it, Cindy was going to turn all the photographs in the collection over to a professional photographer who would make copy negatives of each photo. Those wishing duplicates could obtain 8x10's from the negatives or possibly later the City of Dallas would publish a book containing reprints of all the photographs. I discovered over a year and a half ago that Cindy was working on the project, but I never bothered to follow up.

As I understand it you want any and all copies of photographs showing the Mannlicher as well as any overhead photos of Dealey Plaza. Once I'm sure I know what you want I will set up an appointment to see Cindy, take a vacation day and see what I can do.

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One additional point. In reference to the Dealy Plaza photograph(s), didn't Gary Shaw use Warren Commission aerial photographs (I think there somewhere around CE 876) on pages 121 and 139 of *Cover-Up*? Wouldn't those do? Do you need something clearer? The reason I mention this is because I was able to obtain 8x10's of the Tippit shells, as well as, the Nixie package off the original negatives from the National Archives. I think they cost $7.00 a copy.

All the best to you and Lil,

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